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what's UP on campus

Very Important Professor

Dr. Abdul Sinno, chair of the communication department at Clarke, received an invitation from the Promotional Products Association International to be a special guest at a VIP- Very Important Professor- workshop that will be held in St. Louis, August 13-14. The VIP program invites a select group --12 or fewer-- of university professors who teach advertising or marketing courses. In-depth seminars and workshops about the latest trends in the advertising/marketing industry will be addressed. Dr. Sinno is also scheduled to give a presentation on specialty advertising.

Faculty Promotions

The Clarke College Board of Trustees recently approved the recommendation for promotions and tenure of six faculty members. Dr. Mustafa Ozcan was promoted to associate professor of education; Dr. Marge Clarke, BVM, was promoted to associate professor of education and tenured; Susan DeCrane, was promoted to assistant professor of education and nursing; David Kortemeier, assistant professor of drama/speech and tenured; Dr. Jeffrey Pappas, assistant professor of music, was tenured; and John David Powers was promoted to assistant professor of computer science.



photos by Jake Tomko

It's a jungle out there...

Real World 101

As college students anxiously prepare themselves for the reality of life after college, many questions arise. To help juniors and seniors ease their fears and make a smooth transition to the 'real world,' Clarke holds a "Real World 101," workshop, with this year's theme being, "It's a Jungle Out There." Twenty-six Clarke alums participated in the workshop. They conducted one-on-one interviews and shared their experience and knowledge in areas such as business management, human resources, social work, computer programming, education, physical therapy, computer science, law and counseling. The Real World workshop began with dinner and a brief session on etiquette. A style show was also presented to give students ideas about the correct attire for job interviews.

Dress for Success

- * Polished shoes with matching belt.
- * Clothing that fits your body correctly.
- * Keep color treated hair updated and without obvious root growth.
- * Your scent should leave the room when you do.
- * Cover any visible tattoos with makeup.
- * Flashy, trendy, chunky shoes or accessories.
- * More than one ring on each hand.
- * Decorated nails and chipped nail polish.

Host families, Clarke students welcome Japanese visitors

With the conclusion of the Nagano Olympics, the world's current window on Japan has closed. But a new window opens for Clarke students and for Dubuque residents with the arrival of five Japanese Junior College students who will be on campus March 7-22. The five hope to

strengthen their English language skills and to enjoy a brief experience of college life in the United States.

Dubuque families are providing hospitality for two weekend home stays and Clarke's English as a Second Language Program (ESL) is planning some local sightseeing.

Matthew and Isabelle Kirkendall and their seven children will serve as the host family for one of the students. This is their third time hosting a Japanese student. Isabelle Kirkendall says her children, ages 8-16, had always wanted to host an exchange student and this

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Spring Break

Why so Early?

Wondering why Spring Break comes so early this year? It's because when Easter comes late in the spring, Spring Break comes early and students get both Spring and Easter Break. In years when Easter falls in mid or late March, such as last year, Spring and Easter break are combined.

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WEDNESDAY

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Black History Month
Men of Color Retreat
Campus Ministry Center 7 p.m.
Liturgy
Sacred Heart Chapel 9 p.m.
Prayer Service
Campus Ministry Center 9:45 p.m.

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Fall 1998 R.A. Applications Due
Late Night Breakfast
Cafeteria
Bible Study
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Silky smooth sounds of
The Fifth Element
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Tommy Haggas gray areas

A shot in the dark

Some of you may know that I love movies. So, naturally the Oscars are very special to me. I hope to win one someday, but that is a story for another time. Like I said last week, here are my Oscar picks. I'm putting them out nice and early so when March 23rd rolls around, everyone will have forgotten this, and I will be spared embarrassment.

Best Picture: The big award is likely to go to the big movie. This one should go to *Titanic*.

Best Actress: Helen Hunt will finally have a good reason to leave a great show. Her acting in *As Good As It Gets* should snag her an Oscar, giving her a motive for dumping *Mad About You*.

Best Actor: Robert Duvall is the favorite to win this award. However, Peter Fonda is likely to win it, thanks to his father. If justice prevails, expect to see Duvall accepting the award.

Best Supporting Actress: She's back! Kim Basinger could be the surprise of the night by

getting recognition for *L.A. Confidential*. Not only was her performance eye-catching, but who in Hollywood doesn't love a vintage detective movie about L.A.?



Best Supporting Actor: Since Spielberg was behind *Amistad*, the movie will have to pick up something. Anthony Hopkins is likely to get it for his role as John Quincy Adams.

Best Director: Three years in the making of *Titanic* puts James Cameron to the top of the list for his hard work and perseverance.

Best Original Screenplay: I'm at liberty to give this to *Good Will Hunting*. The Academy loves supporting new, fresh talent. However, past screenplay winners are those independent movies that get people talking, like past winners, *Fargo*, *Usual Suspects*, and *Pulp Fiction*. In which case it would go to *The Full Monty*.

Best Adapted Screenplay: Again, Hollywood loves nothing more than itself. Mark up another one for *L.A. Confidential*.

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allows them to do so on a short-term and more manageable basis.

Isabelle, who is German and whose second language is English, understands what it is like to be learning a new language.

"Our kids try to talk to the Japanese students and it helps make them more relaxed about actually using the language," she notes.

She says her kids also enjoy learning how to write their names in Japanese and the Japanese meals that the students cook.

Clarke students work with the Japanese students to improve their English. Senior marketing

major Michelle Thompson has taught in the program for three years. As a result, she was invited to work as an English Camp counsellor in Japan last summer.

"I like teaching foreign students because I enjoy travelling and learning about different cultures, and you make new friends," says Thompson.

ESL Director Mary Martens, BVM, adds, "Our students get a chance to spend time with students from another culture. The hope is to promote friendship through personal relations and sharing."

Fifth Element takes its a cappella cue from popular Tonic Sol Fa

By CHRIS CLAPHAM
Staff Reporter

Clarke was graced with the silky smooth sounds of the singers with the velvet voices on February 7th when the Fifth Element opened for Tonic Sol Fa. The fab five put on a fantastic show and were followed by the group that inspired them to start their own ensemble, Tonic Sol Fa.

The new group is comprised of four of our very own Clarke students Suz Johnson, Mike Cyze, Alli Bedford, Caron Connell, and Josh "I'm from Loras" Hooker.

Mike Cyze, the group's bass, said, "The four from Clarke saw Tonic and thought it would be cool to start a group but we were

one short. A friend of ours, Colleen Wilson, suggested Josh from Loras. We tried him out and decided that night we all liked him and then we had our group."

The first time "Cinco Elemento" sang was at Marquette High school in Bellevue, Iowa. Then they had a gig at this year's Christmas dinner and at their big break in Jansen Music Hall. "It was great and cool to see the support from the students and faculty," said Cyze.

"The response was great and we were loving every minute of it."

Alli Bedford, the group's soprano, said, "Even though we were only four months old, we worked hard. If we work hard enough and the group agrees and we want to make it big time, we can."

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Diego Velez and Paul Van der Kruij receive hand lotion tips from Mary Kay consultants Rhonda Thill and Kris K. Sabers at the Health Fair in the Atrium Monday.

Photo by Shannelle Adderley

The Talk Around

By KATHLEEN SERRURIER
Staff Reporter

Have the winter blues? Sick of school work already? Just want to get away from it all? Clarke students describe their plans for Spring Break:

- Sophomore Lori Beyer: "Doing absolutely nothing."
- Senior Jason Koltes: "Since I couldn't afford Mazatlan, Mexico, I'm looking forward to not getting on that tiny plane and flying down there, not having a hangover every morning, and not getting sick on the food."
- Sophomore athletic trainer Alyson Jirmasek: "Looking forward to my days off in Florida with the softball team."

- Junior Cara Clark: Having a blast in Florida with the softball team and Alyson Jirmasek."
- Junior Kelly Arensdorf: "I'm looking forward to celebrating Missy Reichling's 21st birthday on an island in South Carolina and getting away from Cara Clark for awhile."

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- Sophomore Brad Manter-nach: "Looking forward to working at wonderful Clarke and hopping for nice weather."

- Junior George Tadros: "Getting a nice tan and escaping from school."

- Senior David Ludin: "Traveling to Florida with the baseball team."

- Sophomore Stephanie Miller: "I'm not looking forward to anything."

- Junior Cathy Knott: "Having my wisdom teeth pulled."

- Freshmen Bill McNally: "Time is never wasted when you are wasted all the time."

- Junior Lisa Scheckel: "Looking forward to road tripping with my friends down to South Padre and getting tan."

CORRECTION: Last week's story on FMA was written by Angela Petit, not Tracy Paulsen.

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By ANGELA PETIT
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Yet somehow many students are able to come up with extra money to spend on clothes from J. Crew, join CD clubs, subscribe to their favorite magazines and pay the cover charges when they go out to party.

So how do these starving students come up with their extra spending money? Are they secretly printing dollars in one of the Mary Fran's secret rooms? No, they are turning to blood money. No, not by turning into Mafia hitmen, but by donating plasma. When the going gets tough, the tough give blood.

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is that the plasma is separated from the blood and the remainder is injected back into the body with saline in order to replace lost fluids. The body can replace what it has lost within hours so plasma can be donated twice a week. The plasma is then used to develop vaccines and help with burn victims as well as many other uses. People must also be aware that there they can still be charitable and donate blood at the American Red Cross.

Clarke graduate Robert McColley appreciated the money he made from giving plasma, but would also continue to donate blood. "My main goal was to help others," he said. "It's an easy way to do your part to save someone's life. It may hurt a

little, but the result is greater than the pain."

Suzanne Huxel, a senior and a veteran donor, decided to donate plasma so she could earn extra cash. "It was just like donating blood, only I got paid to do it. It was an easy way to earn extra money and help others at the same time."

Donating plasma isn't for the faint or for those who are under 18 or weigh less than 110 pounds. Plasma donors have the same restrictions as blood donors. Sera Tec guarantees that plasma donation is a safe way to earn cash while giving life-saving plasma.

So for those who have already sold every book they can spare and have hocked all the CDs they don't listen to, plasma donation may be the way to go.



CLASS ACTS Clarke students help put small town on the map

On the banks of the Mississippi in southwestern Wisconsin, is the small town of Cassville. With the help of several Clarke students, this town on the edge of the Mighty Miss is now also on the edge of technology. The people there depend on the success of their tourism to help sustain the town. The focus of Cassville's tourism is a car ferry that transports people to a nearby picnic area.

Sheila Castaneda, computer science chairperson, taught a class last fall on the real world applications of computer programs and how to design them. One group of students in the night class did a project for the Flexsteel Corporation, while another worked with the Cassville Chamber of Commerce to design a system to log visitors to Cassville's car ferry.

"A member of the Chamber of Commerce contacted a Clarke alum and asked for a referral. The Chamber met with a group from the computer class several times to discuss the concept of the project, and this is the final result," said Castaneda. The program was made with expandability in mind and can be added onto easily, as the Cassville people decide to log more attractions. The group consisted of Julie Baker, Laurie Juran, and Nancy Schuller. -- Tommy Haggas

The Clarke Catalyst, a magazine, is looking for a short story, poems and an essay by Clarke students.

Submit to Diana Russo, Room 208 EKH, by March 9. Submissions should be typewritten. Catalyst staff will make the selection.

Authors of pieces selected for publication will be notified.

Philosophy pros in real life

By ANGIE BICKER
Staff Reporter

All Clarke students are required to take philosophy courses to graduate, and in the process, they get to know the instructors.

Norm Freund, Kent Anderson, Tom Riley, and Risa Anderson are the four instructors Clarke students might have for a philosophy class.

Tom Riley wants his students to take more than just knowledge from the classroom. "I want the students to get the impression that I enjoy what I am

doing. And also to realize philosophy doesn't just happen in books, but happens all the time. For example, the choices that we make and the things that are important to us are based on what we think it is to be human," he said.

Risa Anderson said one of the hardest things about teaching philosophy is that "It is the only class students take in college that is not similar to any class they took in high school. Almost no exposure makes students think it is difficult, but that is not true."

Teachers have other interests besides the classes they teach. Like many college students, Norm Freund said he and his wife Marabeth like to watch "E.R." on Thursday nights.

Freund, who has been at Clarke since 1981, takes part in the community and enjoys sports. "I am active in my parish at St.

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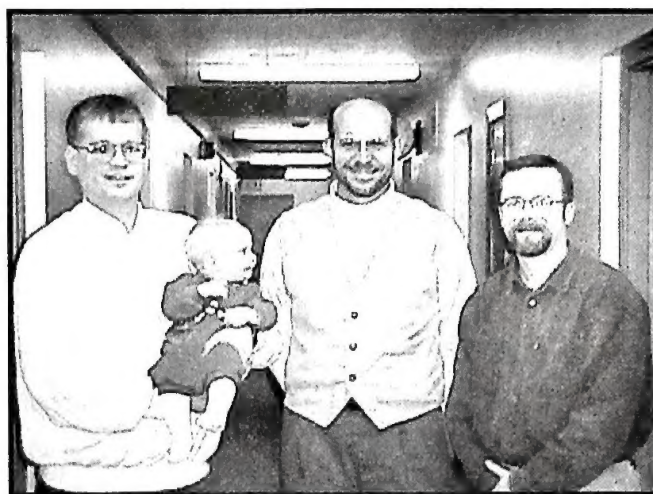


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Philosophy professors Kent Anderson, Norm Freund, and Tom Riley pose with pensive philosophy baby Christopher Anderson.

Anthony's. I like to play racquet sports and I am a huge Minnesota Vikings fan," he said.

As Freund was growing up, he lived on a farm outside of Eldridge, Iowa. After high school, he went to St. Ambrose University and later received a Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University.

Further away, Kent Anderson grew up in Maracay, Venezuela, where his father taught at a seminary located 30 miles from the Caribbean. "Venezuela and Latin America are very scenic places to grow up in. To get to the Caribbean, we had to go through the rainforest, and this was a wonderful experience," Anderson said.

Anderson likes to go to Chicago and enjoys going to restaur-

rants with Peruvian or Ethiopian foods.

Anderson's interest in restaurants also fades into his favorite movie, *My Dinner with Andre*. The film, he said, takes place at a restaurant where two people with very different outlooks on life are having a conversation.

Reviewing his eight years at Clarke, Anderson laughs when he remembers how his class reacted when his son Erik was born.

"Some of my students came to class in diapers to celebrate. It was hard to get through the class without laughing," he said.

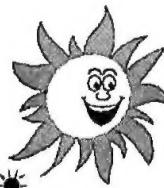
In Freund's office he has a picture of one of his

funniest moments in class. "Many years ago I taught a late afternoon course on Halloween and we had a dress-up contest. You don't have to be dressed normally for philosophy," he said.

Freund and Anderson also have advice for students about school and a career.

"Choose a major that you love and are good at. Life is too short to do something that you don't like doing," Freund said.

As Anderson looks back at his friends from college, he said, "the ones who are the most successful are the ones who applied themselves the most in the classroom. When you apply yourself, the habit carries over into your professional development."



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Spring Break '98

By BRAIN STEUER
Staff Reporter

With Spring Break right around the corner, many students plan to take full advantage of it. Clarke baseball and softball teams are using Spring Break to travel and prepare for the upcoming season.

Clarke's Baseball team, led by head coach Sam Knaack, is traveling to Homestead, Florida. Knaack says he's treating this like major league spring training. "We're going down there to see where we're at. We want to see what lineups work best, see where our pitching is at, and hopefully this will prepare us for conference."

They're looking to play six games against good competition. "We'll be playing some Division II and some NAIA schools, and those schools all give out baseball scholarships."

Knaack thinks they will definitely improve on their last season 7-28 record. "Right now our main goal for the season is to have a better record than last season, and I feel we are very capable of that. I expect us to be well above .500, and compete for the conference title."

Tina Kuhle, Clarke's head women's softball coach, is taking her team to Port St. Lucie, Florida with the same attitude as the baseball team. They plan on playing six games. "We haven't practiced outside yet, so along with the games, we plan on getting some practice in," Kuhle added.

They're looking to have a lot of returning talent, especially in four positions. Senior Jill Christopher at third base is a conference and regional MVP, followed by junior Liz Constantini at catcher, junior Cara Clark at second, and sophomore Sarah Bennett in center field.

"We have some good experience in those four positions," Kuhle said. "What I'm cautiously optimistic about is our pitching. We have three pitchers this year and they are all freshman. They are all good, just inexperienced."

It will be hard for them to improve on last year's conference championship record of 19-11, but Kuhle figures they will be at least first or second in the conference. The season's goal is to be conference champs and definitely above .500. They are also hoping to give their six freshmen a lot of experience, and Kuhle feels with her strong group of junior and senior women to lead the way, that should be no problem.

Clarke Spikers hit the road

By BRIAN STEUER
Staff Reporter

The Clarke men's volleyball team is now half way into the season, and the players have been busy. Last Tuesday they hosted Kendall College and beat them convincingly in three sets 15-9, 15-2, 16-14. They were led by sophomore Scott Schuessler who had 15 kills in the three games. Junior Clint Rogers led the team with eight digs.

On Friday, Clarke hosted sixth-ranked Ohio State and lost in three sets 3-15, 11-15, and 12-15. Schuessler led the team again with 18 kills, followed by sophomore Ken Porter and freshman Bill McNally, each with five digs.

Saturday the team traveled to River Forest, Illinois for a double-header. They won the first game

in four sets, 15-10, 9-15, 15-5, and 15-8, led by McNally's big performance. He tallied 16 kills and 15 digs, followed by Schuessler with 30 kills and Porter with 15 digs.

They followed the victory with a loss to Columbia College in three sets 5-15, 9-15, and 4-15. Schuessler once again led the pack with 15 kills, but Rogers put in a good game leading the team in digs with 9 and pounding 11 kills.

The team stands at 5-8 on the season at the halfway point. It will be leaving for a tournament at the University of California-Santa Cruz over Spring Break, February 27-March 1. When they come back, they'll have two more games remaining before the Clarke Challenge on March 20-21.

Lady Crusaders achieve Clarke's first ever b-ball conference win

By JOLENE WORZALLA
Staff Reporter

What a fabulous way for the three senior women of the

Lady Crusaders basketball team to end their college careers. Seniors Julie Bex, Jill Christopher, and Allison Christianson went out with a blast, helping their team score a victory this weekend over Benedictine University.

This win secured Clarke's Conference Championship in the Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference. This is the first conference win for a basketball team here at Clarke and a huge accomplishment.

"It was nice to finally get it done," said Senior Julie Bex.



Deann Trapp scored 40 points in Saturday's win over Benedictine.

conference as a goal and this year "Every year we set winning we knew we could do it." The Lady Crusaders boast a season record of 15-7 overall, 9-1 in Conference. "It was unbelievable," said head coach Tina Kuhle, "especially after the rough beginning of the season. We went out with an eight-game winning streak." Junior Deann Trapp added even more excitement to the game by breaking the record for most points scored in a single game. Deann's 40 points broke coach Kuhle's record set in 1990. "I had mixed emotions about it," said Kuhle, "it is always hard to see a record broken, but I felt a lot of satisfaction in seeing Deann break it. Deann is a neat player; she gets double and triple teamed a lot and she works hard. I was really glad to see her do it," added Kuhle. **Congratulations, Ladies!**

Clarke men's spikers played host to the sixth-ranked Ohio State Buckeyes this past weekend. Clarke played the Buckeyes tough only to fall in three sets 3-15, 11-15, 12-15.

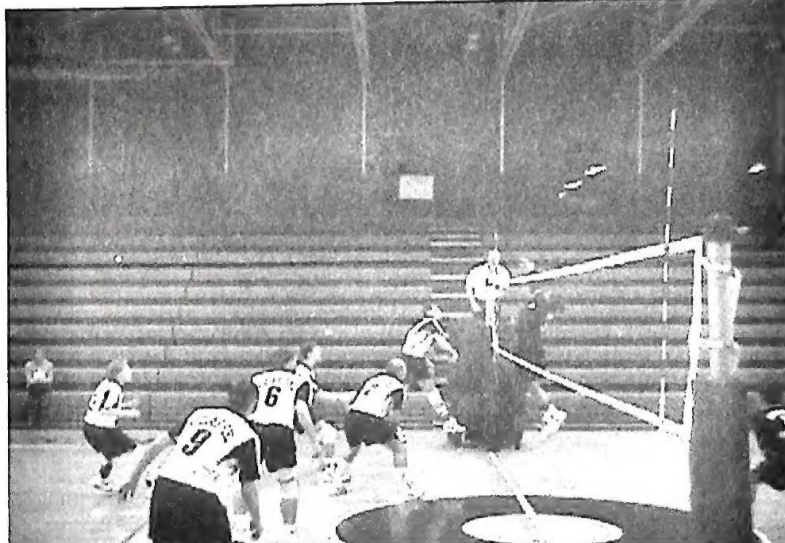


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Weekend vacation: I think not!

By JOLENE WORZALLA
Staff Reporter

Four days, and three nights of skiing in beautiful Marquette, Michigan. Sounds like a nice extended weekend vacation, but it meant tough competition for the Clarke men's and women's Alpine Ski Team. Marquette was the sight for this year's regional ski meet which hosted 22 schools and over 200 competitors. The men's team finished in

eleventh place overall. Brad Marcouiller highlighted the men's scores finishing eighth out of 142 competitors in the slalom competition and fourteenth in the giant slalom. Matt Calmeyer finished 76th in slalom (s) and 123rd in giant slalom (gs). Gabe Finnin; 81st (s), 61st (gs). Scott Heins; 98th (s), 80th (gs). Jake Tomko; 69th (s), 86th (gs). The women's scores were highlighted by the performance of junior Liz Constantini. Thirteenth in the sla-

lom race and tenth in giant slalom Constantini led her teammates to a ninth place overall finish. Brooke Dreske finished 53rd in slalom with teammate Eiko Ogata right behind in 54th. Dreske and Ogata took 46th and 36th respectively in the giant slalom. The women's team captured the Chicago Division Conference Championship again this year and the men placed second in conference competition. Great job to all the ski team members!

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Spring Courtship

Clarke Biology Professor Chris Beachy's paper, "Courtship Behavior in the Plethodontic Salamander *Gyrinophilus porphyriticus*" has been chosen by the editors of the Chicago Herpetological Society as one of the 14 most noteworthy papers for 1997. The article published in Herpetological, Vol. 53 describes the courtship patterns of spring salamanders.

French CD

Veronique Conrad, Clarke French instructor, recently co-authored a CD-ROM entitled "Conversations Around the World: In France" collaboration with three professors from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The CD is published by Rice University.

Hispanic Music

The Dubuque Symphony Orchestra will present concerts featuring music of hispanic origin and influence March 21 and 22 at Five Flats Theater. The concert will feature works by Mexican composers Revueletas and Monca and a performance by Cuban-born pianist Nohema Fernandez as well as other works. Call 557-1677 for tickets.

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